

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

DORMAN ANGEL, et. al.,)	Case No. C-1-01 467
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Plaintiffs,)	
	:	
vs.)	
	:	Judge Sandra S. Beckwith
UNITED PAPERWORKERS)	
INTERNATIONAL UNION (PACE)	:	
LOCAL 1967, et. al., ,)	
	:	
Defendants.)	

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF RECUSAL ORDER AND SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

The defendant, International Paper, hereby moves the court to reconsider its Order of October 20, 2004, in which Chief Judge Beckwith recused herself in this action. Defendant infers from a pattern of recusals in other cases that the Recusal Order is based on the fact that the firm of Graydon Head & Ritchey LLP serves as local counsel for Defendant in this action. On the unique facts of this case, Defendant submits that the Court should allow Defendant to substitute new local counsel for the Graydon Head & Ritchey firm and reconsider the Recusal Order. The motion should be granted for the following reasons:

1. First, this is a complex multi-plaintiff and multi-defendant action that was filed three years ago. The Court has devoted considerable time and effort to learning the background law and facts of the case. In order to decide the pending motions a new judge would have to spend a great deal of time reviewing the docket and familiarizing himself or herself with the governing law and this Court's prior decisions. Substitution of counsel and

reconsideration of the Recusal Order would better serve the interests of justice than the delays and the loss of judicial economy that may occur if the case is reassigned.

2. Second, substitution of another firm as local counsel in this action will impose no hardship on the Court, the parties, or the Graydon Head & Ritchey firm because the principal legal work for Defendant in this case has been done by the firm of McGuire Woods.

3. Third, Defendant has identified substitute local counsel for this action. Defendants hereby seek leave to substitute Grant S. Cowan of Frost Brown Todd LLC for Michael Roberts of Graydon, Head & Ritchey as local counsel from this point forward.

4. Were it not for the facts that (i) this case has been pending for three years, and (ii) this Court has invested a substantial amount of time and accumulated a substantial amount of expertise in the action, Defendant would not seek reconsideration of the Recusal Order. Under the current circumstances, however, Defendant submit that reconsideration is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Defendants' Motion for Reconsideration of Recusal Order and Substitution of Counsel. It is hereby **ORDERED** that the Motion is **GRANTED**. The Clerk is directed not to proceed with the reassignment of this case.

Date: _____

Chief Judge, United States District Court